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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

TOSHIO HIRANO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: OUSPENSKI, I.

SERIAL NO: 09/828,217 :

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FOR: A MEMBRANE PROTEIN POLYPEPTIDE HAVING PRE-B CELL GROWTH-SUPPORTING ABILITY AND A GENE THEREOF

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.